

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
TOWN OF TREMPPEALEAU
TREMPPEALEAU COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**MINUTES OF THE 09/12/2013
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Chairman Ken Farley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present. Also in attendance were 33 residents and Representative Chris Danou.

Open meeting certification laws were met. David Prondzinski moved to adopt the agenda, Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comments. –

- Sharon Summers voiced her concerns on the corn poppers. She stated this is a significant, community and a safety issue. It is also a nuisance. She also stated that even with the ordinance in place, Mr. Klein feels he does not have to abide by it.
- Valerie Pierzina deferred her comments until the corn cannon issue came up on the agenda.
- Gerald Stalzer will also speak when the dog issue comes up on the agenda.

David Prondzinski moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013 regular meeting, Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried with a voice vote.

Doris Dahl, Clerk/Treasurer reported a balance as of August 31, 2013 of \$42,256.86 in checking and \$444,503.76 the regular money market account, \$150,000.00 in the contingency money market account, \$54,000.00 in the equipment money market account and \$2000.00 in the health savings money market account for a total of \$693,360.62.

The Board reviewed the vouchers August 9, 2013 through September 12, 2013. David Prondzinski moved to pay all bills, Dennis Bortle seconded and the motion carried.

Building Permits. –

- Jason Nelson presented a permit to build a new house on Schubert Road. David Prondzinski moved to approve the permit; Dennis Bortle seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.
- Centerville Homes presented a permit to replace a house for James and Stephanie Ebersold on Park Road. David Prondzinski moved to approve; Dennis Bortle seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.
- Bob Beirne did not show up with his paperwork.

Gerald Stalzer reported that the Trempealeau County Sheriff's department executed a search warrant for the Angie Bryant house on Arabian Lane. They found only 7 dogs in the residence. They have until Sunday, September 15, 2013 to get rid of the dogs or get the property re-zoned or citations will be issued.

Dan Terek, N15504 Delaney Road, played a recording from September 4 of the corn poppers going off. They were going off quite frequently. He handed the Board a petition (attached) to Ban Corn Poppers signed by 62 residents. He feels the Town needs to do something about these corn poppers. He then read The "Ban Corn Poppers Petitioners" group requests dated September 12, 2013 (attached).

Dennis Bortle stated the Town had received the Klein's version of an application for a scare gun permit. It was received at the Board meeting last month, but the Town could not take action on it since it was not an agenda item. The Klein application does not contain all the required data. A copy of the Town's application was given to their attorney on September 10. He also told the group the Town could not ban the corn poppers as it would be against state law and he does have a right to protect his crop. David Prondzinski then explained the original process of trying to control them by trying to adopt a "fireworks ordinance" and later found out the corn poppers do not fall under the fireworks criteria. The Town then proceeded to adopt a "Scare Gun Ordinance".

Valeria Pierzina explained that the Klein's application had statements in it stating they were violating the "Scare Gun Ordinance" and that the permit should be denied.

Donald Brenengen stated that if the Town is going to adopt an ordinance, then they should enforce it.

Sharon Summers stated that Mr. Terek had found research that the corn poppers are ineffective. He then gave the copy of the research to Representative Chris Danou.

Chairman Ken Farley stated the Town has not yet issued the scare gun permit to the Klein's.

Dennis Bortle made a motion to not accept the Klein's application for a scare gun permit based on the fact that all the required data was not on their application; David Prondzinski seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Discussion was held on whether to apply for the LRIP program for the 2014-2015 cycle. The Town is eligible for \$16,051.76 and would have to match at least that amount. It was decided to either do German Coulee Lane or part of Fox Coulee Lane.

The clerk received notice that the whole Town is in a Lake District that serves no purpose. It can be dissolved by would have to be done at an annual meeting. The clerk will check into this further.

David Prondzinski moved to accept the resignation of Doris Dahl, Clerk/Treasurer effective September 26, 2013; Dennis Bortle seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Chairman Ken Farley and board members thanked her for her years of service.

Building Issues –

The clerk/treasurer suggested raising the rates for non-residents use of the community center. There have been some issues recently. David Prondzinski moved to raise the non-resident rental rate to \$750; Dennis Bortle seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

David Prondzinski moved to raise the non-resident deposit fee to \$500. The motion died for lack of a second.

Dennis Bortle moved to raise the non-resident deposit fee to \$750; David Prondzinski seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Discussion was held on redoing the community room. Doug Winters was asked to repair the holes first.

Correspondence –

- The clerk handed out the Equalization values for 2013.
- The preliminary estimate of January 1, 2013 population is 1781 up 6 people.
- The Town will be receiving \$8875.00 from the STCSWC Revenue Share Program.

The next meeting is set for October 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

David Prondzinski moved to go into closed session to consider employee compensation and benefits pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c); Dennis Bortle seconded. The Board convened into closed session at 8:10 p.m.

David Prondzinski moved to reconvene into open session; Dennis Bortle seconded. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

David Prondzinski moved to adjourn the meeting; Dennis Bortle seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Dahl, Clerk/Treasurer